

Eban attacks UN imbalance

From our Correspondent—Jerusalem

Political rather than military activity will be emphasised in the Middle East during the coming weeks although Israel must make provision for the latter possibility, Mr Abba Eban, the Israeli Foreign Minister, told a press conference here on Wednesday.

He said the door was still open to the negotiation of a balanced agreement for the reopening of the Suez Canal without prejudice to the security or the political positions of either side. But the (Middle East) dispute had reached a point where movement could arise only out of negotiation.

The (United Nations) General Assembly, "an unbalanced forum which may soon become grotesque" with the addition of two or three more Arab States and the admission of (Communist) China, was not an instrument for international security.

The situation there was now one in which all the States with a population of less than three million—who constituted five per cent of the world's population and provided less than one per cent of the UN budget—voted together they could get a crushing majority for any resolution.

Israel had to draw two lessons, Mr Eban said, from the wave of coups and counter-coups in the Arab world.

One was that Arab instability made it essential for Israel to reach agreements which had built-in safeguards that they could not be swept away by a man's stroke. There had to be minimal physical arrangements which gave an incentive for the agreements to be kept.

The other was that it was not sufficient to live in the Middle East without the capacity to defend oneself. The gallows and firing squads in Khartoum were instructive as to what might be expected by defeated adversaries.

Mr Eban said that Israel had her eyes and ears open to anything of significance the Palestine Arabs

might have to say and she was in continual contact with their leaders. It was not true that they would have nobody to talk to if they were to take an initiative. If until now they had left it to the Arab States to speak for them that was their decision.

Commenting on President Nixon's new economic policies, Mr Eban said that one consequence was to increase Israel's need to develop and safeguard her economic links with Europe.

With the expected adherence of Britain to the Common Market, Israel would be dealing with a block of seven countries in which her purchases amounted to \$800 million (about £270 million) a year.

This was more than the total spent in those countries by all Israel's neighbours combined.

Two more States

From our Correspondent
United Nations

The powerful 14-nation Arab block in the United Nations General Assembly is likely to increase by two more members in the autumn as the result of the Security Council's action on Wednesday.

It unanimously recommended the admission of Bahrain to the UN and indicated that it would respond favourably to an application by the Oman Sultanate after an Arab League meeting next month.

France changes tactics

From our Correspondent
Paris

France has recently made it clear to her five Common Market partners that she is no longer interested in her particular drive for a co-ordinated policy by the Six on the Middle East, according to informed diplomatic sources here.

Following their discussions in Munich last November, the Foreign Ministers of the Six were reported to have approved a "unified policy" document at their meeting in Paris in May.

The main points largely reflected the French policy of total Israeli withdrawal from occupied territories and other controversial topics.

But then the significance of the document was questioned, especially by the Dutch and the Italians and when Mr Walter Scheel, the West German Foreign Minister, visited Israel in July he was assailed by

protests over Bonn's purported support for it. Mr Scheel replied with statements to the effect that the Bonn Government had not given final approval to the document and that his visit to Israel had brought the political standpoints of their two Governments closer together.

It was after this that France decided to express lack of confidence in this form of co-operation at least in respect of the Middle East. The Belgians, who had been among the most enthusiastic supporters of political co-operation on the Middle East, are standing out for continued political consultation on the issue by the Six.

Letters held back

From our Correspondent
Jerusalem

The Soviet Union is holding back letters from relatives of Soviet Jews in Israel inviting them to settle in the Jewish State. Without these letters no application for emigration can be made.

Revealing this on Wednesday night, Mr Shimon Peres, the Minister for Posts and Communications, said that even registered letters were not reaching their destination. This had all the signs of being a deliberate Soviet attempt to prevent the emigration of Jews, he stated.



Mr Yalin-Mor

A group of Left-wing Israelis, including members of the so-called Committee for Improved Relations with the Soviet Union, has been



The Sherada Yanki Arah family in Israel named their newly born daughter Golda after Israel's Prime Minister, Mrs Meli, who sent the baby a good luck charm. Golda is shown enjoying the gift

Diamond exports will not suffer

From our Correspondent
New York

Diamonds, Israel's major export to the United States, will not be drastically affected by President Nixon's newly imposed 10 per cent surcharge on many imported goods.

Israel is exporting \$150 million (about £82½ million) worth of diamonds a year to the United States, with \$80 million (about £38½ million) obtained from the small polished diamonds.

A number of New York diamond dealers told our correspondent that two components play a major role in diamond production, the rough diamond and the polishing process. Israel specialises in the finishing of small diamonds and the experts here said that American labour costs are much higher than in Israel.

They pointed out that unless allocations of rough diamonds controlled by the London-based syndicate are altered the new American tax should have little effect on the finished products sent over here by Israeli diamond dealers.

Both the United Jewish Appeal and the Israeli Bond Organisation felt that any upward trend in the American economy can only help the voluntary gifts for Israel.

They quoted the past year of economic crisis in this country where "Jews understood Israel's needs and sacrifices and increased their giving."

There is some speculation whether a devalued dollar would have the same purchasing power for Israel which spends about \$300 million (£128 million) a year on buying American goods. Here President Nixon's price freeze should help.

Israel not to devalue

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In deposit accounts in Israeli banks. Devaluation would pour millions of extra pounds on to the local markets and inevitably boost the inflationary tremors.

The upsurge of dollar deposits in Israel in the past year may be due to the booming tourist industry, the increase in the number of American immigrants bringing capital with them, as well as increased USA investments.

It is believed here that Mr Sapir would do again what he has done before when the Israeli pound had come under pressure: slap up import surcharges and allow special conversion rates for exporters earning dollars abroad. However, no decision will be taken until next Sunday's Cabinet meeting.

The Tel Aviv stock exchange on Tuesday seemed also to favour devaluation as buyers unloaded 121,200,000 in a near-record purchase of stock. On the black-market the dollar rate, which had soared over the 124 mark, fell back to 23.80 by Wednesday.

There was further hectic dealing on the Tel Aviv stock exchange on Wednesday when trading amounted to 121,500,000, making a total of 122,700,000 for two days—a record.

There was also a rush on hardware and domestic appliances in the shops in anticipation of devaluation which would send prices of imported goods soaring upwards.

From our Correspondent
Jerusalem

invited to Moscow for two weeks as guests of the USSR.

Among them are Mr Yacov Rabin, a former Mapam leader, and Mr Nathan Yalin-Mor, a one-time Right-wing terrorist leader, and other pro-Moscow supporters.

At his press conference here on Wednesday Mr Abba Eban, the Israeli Foreign Minister, said that it would have been better if the Israelis invited to Moscow had reflected all sectors of national opinion.

He also said that he hoped that they would have the intellectual integrity to give expression to Israeli views other than their own.

At the same time Mr Eban expressed that there was still no contact between the Israeli and Soviet Governments.

Pathology threaten to strike

From our Correspondent

Israel pathology is threatening to strike in a campaign of defamation against them by opponents of postwar.

A number of pathologists reported that they had been daunted with marks and that they received abusive letters from doctors at the Ministry.

Several hundred Orthodox Jews demonstrated on Wednesday night in front of the Prime Minister's residence in protest against the decision. They refused to rabbits carrying signs that read "Perform mitzvot not on humans."

and the Hebrew University Medical School issued a statement of protest.

They said they were shocked by the "outburst by fanatics and a special session to iron out their differences over Sun-

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By GEOFFREY D. PAUL—Jerusalem

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Israeli Black Panthers burn a mock coffin as a symbol of the alleged discrimination against Oriental Jews during a demonstration in Jerusalem on Tuesday. Moments later the police moved in to disperse the demonstrators and a number of policemen and Black Panthers were injured. (Report page 32)

Mr Nixon reassures Zionists

From our Correspondent
New York

President Nixon has reassured American Zionist leaders that the United States will continue to "maintain the military balance in the Middle East and that a peace settlement must be arrived at through negotiations between

In his letter to Rabbi Israel Miller, the president of the American Zionist Federation, Mr Nixon did not refer to further arms supplies, including Phantom jet aircraft, for Israel.

He said that "the security and well-being of the State of Israel" were among "the fundamental principles to which this Government is committed."

Rabbi Miller praised Mr Nixon's message and said that he hoped that at United Nations sessions the American Government would "take a consistent action" to overcome an anticipated propaganda barrage by the Arab States and the Soviet Union.

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Washington angers Jerusalem

From our Correspondents—Jerusalem and Washington

A second statement by Mr Robert McCloskey, the American State Department's spokesman, on Monday in which he again termed the speech by Mr Moshe Dayan, the Israeli Defence Minister, at the Army Staff and Command College as "harmful," while mildly denouncing the Damascus communiqué by Egypt, Libya and Syria, raked in the anger of Israelis.

They were angered at the week-end after Mr McCloskey described as "harmful" on Friday Mr Dayan's speech delivered 24 hours earlier calling for a "permanent" Israeli administration of occupied territories. Mr McCloskey made no reference to Friday's Damascus statement which said that there could not be "peace or understanding with the Zionist enemy." (See pages 2 and 32.)

While Israeli Foreign Ministry circles were still insisting on Tuesday morning that the matter was closed by mutual agreement, the official spokesman issued a statement of hurt surprise on Tuesday evening about the manner in which Washington continued to react to Mr Dayan's speech.

One source said: "It seems that someone in the State Department has decided to reinvoke the spirit of even-handedness and we know what that means."

After a delay of three days, the American State Department criticised as "unfortunate" that part of the Damascus declaration by Egypt, Libya and Syria which ruled out negotiations with Israel.

Mr McCloskey put the declaration in the same category as Mr Dayan's call for a permanent Israeli administration of occupied Arab land. Mr Dayan's statements were characterised as "harmful" by Mr McCloskey on Friday.

Heading from prepared texts

For the first time since the Second World War a Dutch MP has taken the oath at the swearing-in of Parliament with his hand covered.

He is Dr Jacques Z. Boruch, the 64-year-old president of Holland's Sephardi community who has been sworn-in as an MP for the new Democratic Socialist Party.

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ISRAEL AND MIDDLE EAST

Americans advised Israel to devalue currency

From our Correspondent—Jerusalem

Israel revalued her currency on Sunday following a dramatic late night Cabinet meeting on Saturday. The new exchange rate for the dollar is 124 and 20 agorot (50p), compared with the old rate of 123 and 50 agorot (42p), representing devaluation of nearly 20 per cent. The Israeli pound will remain linked to the dollar and will float with it.

Mr Pinhas Sapir, the Finance Minister, who had made a statement earlier that he would not propose devaluation, said afterwards that Israel had now "the correct rate of exchange" and this was the best way of meeting present conditions.

The Cabinet approved emergency regulations which were submitted to a specially convened session of the Knesset on Monday—the House has risen for the summer recess—imposing a 20 per cent levy on all imports, including stock bought at the mid exchange rate.

Legislation was introduced controlling wages, profits and prices except for a certain number of basic items, including bread, milk, eggs, sugar, oil and petrol, which go up from between one and two agorot per unit and butter ten agorot.

The effect of the emergency regulations which will come up for renewal at the end of the year will be, according to Mr Sapir, to decrease imports, increase exports and strengthen the economy.

He revealed that the advice from official American financial circles had been to devalue. One positive effect of devaluation will be to make Israeli exports to the United States cheaper and thus offset President Nixon's surcharge on imported goods.

Diamonds especially should do even better on the American market since the rate of devaluation is much larger than the American permitted rate of surcharge.

But diamond exporters added a rider that their success on the American market was dependant on the Government maintaining its system of export premiums.

Banks throughout Israel closed on Sunday by Government order and policemen were stationed at the doors of every bank building.

Special arrangements were made for tourists who arrived and Israel leaving for overseas to exchange currency. The banks reopened for business on Monday.

For ordinary Israelis devaluation means yet another addition to their already heavy financial burdens.

While special measures will be taken to assist the poor, the price increases in basic commodities, although small, will be reflected in almost every household, whose accounts are even now over-stretched.

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Goods with an import element,



Israelis do not seem too anxious as they read the news of the devaluation

particularly cars, will further increase in price and a family of four will cost the equivalent of £2,500 will cost about another £200.

Leading bankers and economists agreed that devaluation had to come. Many said that it should have come sooner. Newspapers of all shades of opinion regretted that there had not been a stronger incentive to exporters.

The Independent Haaretz called for an end to the predated position of publicly owned industry as against private enterprise, warning that the effect otherwise would be to boost inflation.

The Jerusalem Post called for a cut in Government spending, particularly in less essential buildings.

Israelis crowded into shops sell-

ing electrical and other goods on Sunday disposing of stock at the old prices before the imposition of the import levies.

Mr Avraham Agmon, the director-general of the Israeli Finance Ministry, told correspondents on Sunday that there would be negotiations between the Government, the Histadrut (Labour Federation) and the Manufacturers Association on prices and wages.

It was Government policy to retain the present wage agreements until January 1, 1972, and control the cost of housing.

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Dayan says he did not mean annexation of West Bank Arabs

By ATALLAH MANSOUR—Jerusalem

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From our

Mr Moshe Dayan, the Israeli Defence Minister, spoke on the Army radio last Friday to explain that he had not advocated annexation of the occupied territories when addressing the posing out parade at the Army's Staff and Command College the day before.

He emphasised that what he had said at the college was that rather than behaving as a temporary Government in the territories, Israel should regard herself as the permanent Government until there was a Middle East settlement. He still believed there was a chance for agreement.

Mr Dayan was reported as saying in his Staff College address that "we should regard our role also in the administered territories as that of the established Government to plan and implement whatever can be done without leaving 'options open' for the day of peace which may be distant."

"In other words, the emphasis should be put on our taking unilateral and immediate measures, without relying on co-operation from our neighbours or waiting until they are ready for it."

"We must, naturally, hope that the situation will change in the course of time. But, meanwhile, we should see the realities for what they are."

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The Mayor of Hebron, Sheikh Jabari, meets Mr Moshe Dayan, the Israeli Defence Minister at his home near Tel Aviv on Monday

Moscow revives charges

From our Correspondent—United Nations

The diplomatic stalemate in the Middle East and the growing apprehension stemming from it were manifested at the meeting on Thursday of last week of the United Nations representatives of the Big Four Powers (the United States, the Soviet Union, Britain and France).

"The four powers," one participant said, summing up the situation, "cannot act on guarantees for a Middle East settlement until the UN mission of Mr Gunnar Jarring is reactivated." This was because the Russians would not talk about guarantees until Mr Jarring was back.

"The Jarring mission cannot be reactivated," he continued, "until the USA's effort for an interim settlement regarding the Suez Canal is completed, one way or the other."

He added that the Americans kept saying that the dialogue was continuing but there were no reports of conversations — Mr Joseph Sisco, the Assistant Secretary of State for Near East Affairs, was on holiday.

All four representatives at the meeting shared a common fear that the absence of progress between now and the opening of the UN General Assembly on September 21 could produce a Middle East debate which would be far more damaging to peace hopes than the one last year.

Mr George Bush, the American UN representative, gave his three counterparts a brief report of Mr Sisco's ten-day visit to Israel ending in the first week of August.

Dr Viktor Israelyan, the Russian, continued to object to American "mediation" in the Middle East and said Mr Bush's report was "insufficient."

Sir Colin Croft, Britain's representative, a British spokesman said later, "spoke of his anxiety that something should be done soon to remove the underlying obstacles to a settlement."

Among other Middle East developments at the UN, Israel and Egypt issued letters to the thinking out by Israel of the Gaza refugee camps to build "security roads" in a drive to end terrorism in the Gaza Strip.

Diplomats said that these letters showed that both sides had decided to take part in public controversy and abandon reported

the refugees in the West Bank could only provide a "small scale partial solution" for resettlement.

He said that three of the new housing projects for refugees were going up at Rafah, Khan Yunis and Dik al Balah. The site of the fourth had not yet been decided.

Asked why Israel had waited four years before taking action to thin out the Gaza refugee camps, General Gazit said that this step had been decided 18 months ago. The ceasefire had made it easier to implement, presumably by releasing men for this work.

If any refugee asked to be moved from a camp even if his home was not to be demolished as part of the plan to provide new "security" roads in the camps, the Military Government would try to help him to find alternative accommodation, he said.

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Devaluation boost to tourism

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

British tourism to Israel, which is already booming, will receive an additional boost as a result of the 20 per cent devaluation of the Israeli pound. "We expect at least 50,000 British tourists this year, compared with 37,000 in 1970," Mr Aharon Dishon, deputy director of the Israel Government Tourist Office in London, told me this week.

Even before devaluation there was a marked increase in the number of Britons going to Israel. The figures for the first six months— from January to June—showed that more than 21,000, they were 31 per cent higher than during the same period last year.

With the massive devaluation

of the Israeli pound holidays in Israel will be considerably cheaper to foreign tourists. As the price of all fares—which, by international agreement are based on the American dollar fixed at \$2.40 to the £—sterling—remains unaltered, the principal benefit to foreign tourists in Israel will accrue from the fact that hotel accommodation, as well as meals and other purchases in Israel, will be cheaper in terms of their own currency.

Even those who have paid deposits to travel agencies should be able to benefit from the devaluation to its full extent of 20p for every £ sterling spent in Israel.

The full benefit may, of course, not last for long. Apart from the usual rise in prices which follows any devaluation, there has recently been serious talk of increasing hotel charges next spring by about 15 per cent.

Some time next year the effective cost of hotel accommodation is likely to have crept up to the pre-devaluation level.

No help from Embassy

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

Israeli tourists have been doubly hit by the current financial upheaval. While they now have to pay 20 per cent more for the \$250 they are allowed to take with them (as well as a higher travel surcharge), they also find that their dollars buy less abroad than before.

Last week, before devaluation, Israeli tourists in London were in the same predicament as American tourists, since both had all their available money in American currency—banknotes or travellers' cheques. Some had to pay the higher rate of exchange and others had trouble in cashing their cheques.

There were no calls for help at the Israeli Embassy in London, since Israeli tourists are forewarned that their diplomatic missions abroad have no special funds to help them in financial difficulties.

I understand, however, that the Anglo-Israel Bank, a subsidiary of Israel's largest commercial bank, was able to assist those who called at its premises in the City of London.

New hospitals

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

Miniature casualty hospitals are being built in Israel with the help of British supporters of Magen David Adom, Israel's emergency medical services.

The first two hospitals, which include underground rooms and operating theatres, have been opened in Netanya and Carmiel. A third, in Bat Yam, is expected to be opened in October and three more are under construction.



Some of the 50 children who attended a week-long playgroup at the Stanmore Synagogue organised by the home and child department of the Federation of Women Zionists with the help of Mrs Cyril Shaps, of Stanmore Wizo

Magen David painted on Soviet 'aircraft'

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

Jewish demonstrators painted a Magen David on a model of a Soviet supersonic aircraft displayed last week in the window of Intourist, the Russian travel agency in Regent Street. The demonstrators, members of the Emergency Committee for Soviet Jewry, also placed a protest poster in the window. The poster, proclaiming "Let My People Go," was almost immediately removed by Intourist staff.

The group intends to picket London performances of the

Jews in church Brownie pack

By a Correspondent

Jewish Brownies have joined a church pack in Golders Green because the area has a "vanishing Christian population," according to the Rev Steven Thompson, vicar of St Barnabas Church, Temple Fortune, who is retiring shortly.

Mr Thompson describes his parish as "without doubt the nicest and liveliest" he had ever been in. Over the years, as members had moved out, they had been overwhelmingly replaced by Jews or other non-Christian immigrants.

The problem created was one of numbers in the congregation rather than support for its activities. "Our juvenile sales and other functions are very successful. The Jewish people in the area give us wonderful support."

He added that the Brownie group, originally formed as part of the church, "is composed mainly of Jewish children, while we have had to cater our guides' movement for lack of organisers."

"The people in this area give us wonderful support, but the congregation grows smaller and smaller."

Leopold Philharmonie Orchestra

next month in protest against the continued persecution of Jews in the Soviet Union. The orchestra's tour is being promoted by Mr Victor Hochhauser, the Jewish impresario who also brought the Moscow State Circus over on its current London season.

Replying to a protest telegram sent by relatives of imprisoned Soviet Jews Mr Hochhauser said that he hoped they would all soon be reunited in Israel.

As reported last week, the relatives, all of whom live in Israel, had expressed outrage that by bringing the Moscow circus to London Mr Hochhauser was helping the Soviet authorities to distract attention from the persecution of Jews in Russia.

Mr Hochhauser stated that he understood their feelings but that his contract to promote the circus's tour was signed five years ago after he had seen one of their performances in Israel. He added that he had received many commendations from Israel for his work both for the people and the land of Israel.

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Asch letters to be published

Private correspondence "of immense historical value" which the celebrated Yiddish writer, Sholem Asch, conducted for over 50 years and which has been in the possession of his daughter in London, Mrs Ruth Shaffer, is to be published shortly.

A decision to publish a selection of the letters was taken by the London committee of Yivo (the Yiddish Scientific Institute in New York) and Mr David Ben-Ari, the former mayor of Bat Yam and chairman of Bat Sholem Asch, which is situated there. It is being edited by Mr Michael Zylberberg, Yivo's representative in London.

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Novel Oxford theory on Jesus's death

Jewish Chronicle

Evidence that Pontius Pilate was not as complete a villain as some people have shared more responsibility for the death of Jesus, because of the suggestion in the New Testament that he was a big sporting event in the city had to be postponed.

It was brought to the attention of a group composed of Roman Catholics, Protestants and Jews themselves the CJP, have been working together since about 1960 to raise money for various projects. They are mainly sportsmen and very successful in their efforts.

They are especially in grey-tinged. Those who have benefited from the project are the Old People's Home in which received £500 to £1,000. Other causes helped include a Catholic old people's home, the Multiple Sclerosis Society and a school for the deaf.

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The Sanhedrin committee formally tried Jesus, he stated, because it was the only way to get him out of the country. He therefore ruled in favour of any description of Jesus's death.

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Aid policy failing

Jewish Chronicle

Israel has often been criticised for its efforts to win African support by providing aid. A Seligman, former head of the agricultural bank in London last week.

Her principal aim was to develop a political, economic and cultural relationship with the United Nations. One such example was the only ones who were broken out of a prison which voted against the UN. Thailand, however, sometimes refrained from altogether.

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Mr Zylberberg has also been instrumental in arranging the transfer to Yivo in New York of the

Tablet to find new home

From our Correspondent Manchester

The marble tablet inscribed with the Ten Commandments which was found in the rubble of a partially demolished synagogue in Manchester is to be preserved in one of several local synagogues which have expressed interest in receiving it.

With the blessing of the synagogue's president, Mr Leslie Allwells, the tablet was removed for safe-keeping to the offices of the Jewish Gazette in Cheadham.

Mr David Hamburger, chairman of the Manchester and District Council of Synagogues, said, "As usual, the vigilant Jewish press is playing its full part in concerning itself with the community. It is a shame," he went on, "that an article which has adorned a synagogue should have been found lying in rubble. It is hoped that in future it will take its correct place to beautify an Aron Kodesh."

The tablet was overlooked when the Chevra Kadisha Synagogue vacated its premises nearly two years ago under a local slum-clearance scheme.

Novel emissary

A former officer in the Israeli prison service, Mr Zvi Slonim, has come to Manchester for two years as the north of England emissary to Baal Akiva, the religious youth movement.

Mr Slonim, who is aged 37, and a seventh generation sabra, has been for the past six years the principal of an educational institution for delinquent girls near Ashdod. He has been a member of Baal Akiva since he was a young boy.

Mrs Hilda Humer, of Accrington, gave a talk on "Jewish customs" to members of the Accrington Rotary Club.

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Glasgow puts up shechita charges

From our Correspondent

Increased shechita charges have been imposed by the Glasgow Board of Shechita to meet the cost of wage claims by shechita and members of the Beth Din.

Mr Harvey N. Norton, the president of the Board, told a committee meeting that it was proposed to raise the charges on poultry by 1p to 7p per bird and to place a surcharge of 50p on the larger birds. The charges, he said, would be levied on the total amount of meat derived from the use of larger animals. The board was losing revenue as the per capita charge. Both the board and the butcher were trying to avoid any increase in meat prices to the public.

A vigorous protest was registered by Mr Norton at what he termed the "chitzpa" of the Manchester Shechita Board in taking away their only mesugriah (religious supervisor), who has taken up an appointment in Manchester. He added that the supervisor had said that he felt the environment in Manchester would be better for his children.

Burial merger no nearer

From our Correspondent Liverpool

"The prospects of the absorption of this society in the larger combination of the United Merseyside Jewish Burial Board—to which proposal we have agreed in principle—is no nearer; no agreement between the various constituent burial boards appears to be imminent."

This was reported by Mr P. Greiser, president of the Liverpool Hebrew Federal Burial Society, at its annual meeting at Rex Cohen Court.

After stating that "at the moment, the society is in a happy financial position," Mr Greiser promised that despite increased costs, recently negotiated with the Liverpool Corporation, no increase in charges would be made by the society until October, 1972.

Leeds Talmud Torah appeal

For the first time in many years an appeal is to be made from the pulpits of all Leeds synagogues on Yom Kippur on behalf of the Leeds Talmud Torah.

All the synagogues agreed to make the appeals which will form the story of a communal fund on behalf of the Talmud Torah which is more than £18,000 in debt.

The annual Kol Mikhal appeals on behalf of JPA will go ahead in the synagogues as usual.

Southend treat for spastics

A civic send-off by the Mayor and Mayoress of Southend was given to a party of 50 non-Jewish spastic children who were taken by coach to Colchester Zoo last week.

Organised and accompanied by members of the Southend Branch of AJEX, the party were taken on a tour of the Essex countryside followed by a tea.

Silver wedding

Mr and Mrs Sam Marks celebrated their silver wedding by asking 300 guests who joined them for luncheon at the Bournemouth Pavilion, to make donations to their charity fund. The gifts amounting to £1,250 were distributed to Jewish charities at home and in Israel.

Mr Marks is treasurer of the Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation.

PROVINCIAL PROFILE

Harry Ellis

Romance beckoned Harry Ellis, a young scholar from Newport in Wales, to Bournemouth about thirty years ago, when he fell in love with a Bournemouth girl, Amy Taylor, whom he subsequently married.

His arrival swelled the ranks of Jewish immigrants from the principality. Having served his apprenticeship in commercial work—especially in Zimna—in Newport, following in the footsteps of his parent, he soon found himself elected to the board of management of the Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation. In 1947, he was elected president; the first step on a path of almost continual office.

Today finds him as senior trustee and president of the congregation. Harry Ellis' policy is strong leadership from the top with trusted lieutenants around him. He also maintains, extends and strengthens cordial relations with the non-Jewish community and is held in high esteem by them. Only recently he was elected vice-president of the Bournemouth and District Incorporated Law Society—the first Jew to have held the office in two years' time he will become president of that body. He is one of three local members serving on the southern area committee of the legal aid committee dealing with appeals.

At present he is southern area representative of the Chief Rabbi. But his labour of love has been as chairman of the local JPA committee, a post which he has held for several years. He now has a stake in the Holy Land with a home in Bat Yam. His charming wife, Amy, was appointed a Justice of the Peace for Bournemouth in 1965, and has thrown herself wholeheartedly into that task.

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Newcastle

The Newcastle Combined Charities Committee held a coffee-cocktail morning at the home of Mr and Mrs Harold Edgar. The speaker was Mrs P. Luper and £100 was raised for the mother and baby unit at the Newcastle Royal Victoria Infirmary.

Sunderland

The Friends of the Menorah School, Sunderland, held a travelling dinner, different courses being served at the homes of Mr and Mrs D. Mendoza, Mr and Mrs H. H. Perlmutter and Mr and Mrs D. Berg. Over £250 was raised for the school funds.

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Take a warning from Peter on page 2

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Long arm of the boycott

WHEN OTTOWISE reputable businesses succumb to the blackmail of the Arab boycott in their commercial dealings in the Middle East, it is bad enough. But it is far more serious when a public company like the Costain Property Company itself attempts to impose the boycott on another British company — headed, as it happens, by a Jew — and in a contract for construction work to be carried out in this country. This is extending illegitimate foreign interference too far and suggests that it is high time for the British Government and Parliament to follow the lead given by the United States.

In 1962 when Aramco refused to engage Jews on the ground that they could not be employed in Saudi Arabia (where the company has vast oil interests) the Human Rights Commission of the State of New York ordered an immediate stop to the infringement of the Stoto law against racial discrimination. And when this was challenged in the courts by Aramco, the Commission insisted that "however harsh and unpalatable may be the economic consequences, the respondent (Aramco) may not continue this practice for a foreign government (Saudi Arabia) may not authorise execution in New York of an act prohibited by New York law."

A few years later Congress promulgated a special law the stated purpose of which was "to oppose restrictive trade practices or boycotts fostered or imposed by foreign countries against

other countries friendly to the United States." The US Government followed this up by instructing firms to notify within 15 days any approach made to them by the Arab boycott office.

By adopting the attitude that they cannot interfere in the "commercial considerations" of business enterprises, successive British Governments have failed to stiffen the resistance of British businessmen to the blackmail practices of the Arabs. Even when these practices smack of anti-Semitism, rather than anti-Israeli discrimination (as happened in the Menorah affair in 1963) Parliament and Government seemed satisfied with a mere verbal expression of general condemnation and a warning that foreign interference in British domestic affairs must be "discontinued."

The two recent cases, one involving the London-based subsidiary of the American Mobil Oil Company in Jersey and now the Costain affair, are a reminder that these objectionable practices have not been discontinued.

Those who argue that the boycott is a legitimate weapon of Arab self-defence have been misled by Arab propaganda. As far back as September, 1951, the United Nations Security Council specifically condemned "the unjustified interference with the rights of nations to navigate the seas and to trade freely with one another, including the Arab States and Israel." The boycott also contravenes the terms of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), in which Egypt participates.

Nor is there much validity in the argument — to which Whitehall seems oversensitive — that to clamp down on the boycott would be seen as an anti-Arab and pro-Israeli action. (During the Menorah affair Lord Carrington, then Minister without Portfolio, coupled his condemnation of unwarranted interference with an assurance to Arab ambassadors that Britain was not taking sides in the Arab-Israeli dispute.) Some morality in international relations and some discrimination against those in contravention of the law are no bad things in themselves. Especially since, in this case, it is often not Israel but British firms or individuals that are the victims of the blackmail.

Devaluation

President Nixon's new economic policy was not the cause of Israel's devaluation but the occasion. The prospects of devaluation in Israel had been discussed for several years. Indeed ever since the effects of the previous devaluation began to die away. A perpetual inflation-devaluation sequence arises primarily from the way the Israeli economy is run. For 20 years — with one brief exception — Israel has been trying to live above its means. Not only have standards of living risen beyond levels justified by the state of the economy, but privileged sectors have been maintained by substantial subsidies. To maintain this state of affairs additional purchasing power has been created and so long as this continues devaluation will not achieve any long-term improvement. Stringent measures which have been shirked after previous devaluations should be shirked no longer. The first is a cut in unnecessary public-sector expenditure. Secondly, excessive protection of politically favoured branches of the economy must be replaced by the fresh winds of competition. Thirdly, the Government must cease creating new purchasing power. To say this is not to ignore the problems caused by the tremendous defence burden on the economy, but precisely because of this burden Israel must be both courageous and self-denying in voluntarily accepting other restrictions.

Anachronism

For some time now the attempt to maintain the fiction of a Commonwealth of Nations has become an anachronism. To the point of being ludicrous. South Africa and Canada, having left the fold, Australia and New Zealand remain the last outposts. But Australia and its links are more with Israel than with Britain. The real issue is whether the old imperial Commonwealth which served well in the past, is allowed to decline gracefully or is allowed to maintain its position by attempts to maintain it by force, by trove and by rearmament. The Chief Rabbi himself has been asked to be drawn into the dispute over Melbourne Belh Din. He would be a stay out and leave Australian Jewry to solve its own problems.

Favouring enemies

When officials of the USA Department talk of "even-handedness" between Israel and the Arabs, they really mean is discrimination against America's friends and favouring her enemies. Never has this been exemplified than by the State Department's reactions to last week's statements in the Middle East. It is waiting for the text of Mr. Day's speech on the future of the territories — largely a restatement of axioms — Mr. McLooney made in a passionate attack on a personal agent by a Minister of a State in which the USA has good relations. When of the same time the State Department was silent. The pressure it finally administered is a reproof. It is the level of political morality attaining a Western State, clearly the Israelis to draw their own conclusions.

Human Rights issues

Sir, — Some thirty years ago the world stood by and allowed six million Jews to be slaughtered. To those of us active on behalf of Soviet Jewry, the great lesson of the Holocaust is never to countenance the crime of silence again, when our people are threatened by discriminatory acts in the form of antisemitism.

It is not surprising that more Jews have left the Soviet Union since they and we have become courageous enough to protest about their plight. It is disquieting to speculate on the loss of generations of Soviet Jews if the silence had continued.

Yet it is even more surprising that even now our community has not learnt the lessons of the Holocaust and the plight of Soviet Jewry. It has become so proachial that it is oblivious to the plight of fellow human beings struggling for national liberation.

Should not the memory of the Holocaust put us in the vanguard of the world protest against the continued mass genocide in Bengal? Would not the memory of recent secret trials in the Soviet Union force us to protest at the secret trial of Shaikh Mujibur Rahman? Is he not as much a leader of a national liberation movement as Ruth Alexandrovich or Raiza Palainik? Can we afford to have double standards on fundamental human issues?

And will our public protests on behalf of Soviet Jewry at all hold credit in the eyes of British public opinion if we are not courageous enough to condemn the internment of Irish civil rights leaders?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The sound of Wagner

Sir, — May I be allowed to take up the cudgels once more? I write now to bury Wagner nor to praise him. It seems that somewhere between Israel and London, N2 (your correspondent, Mrs F. Herzberg, August 20 issue) the point has been lost.

The reason for the temporary ban on Wagner's music in Israel has nothing to do with whether or not Wagner was antisemitic (there are and were antisemites among other composers, notably Liszt); the reason was simply the fact of sensitivity left by the close association between Wagner and the Nazis — or, more accurately, between the Nazis and Wagner — and obviously the Israelis know this was Wagner's fault.

One should not always judge according to whether something is logical or rational; right or wrong also depends on circumstances, facts, emotions, fashion, customs, etc., at the particular time.

If Israelis (or others, for that matter) are enjoying a concert and in the middle of it hear Wagner many of them, by an obvious association of ideas, immediately think of other, indescribably tragic things and straight away the musical and personal atmosphere is ruined.

Israeli antipathy will ultimately disappear but let it do so in its own good time, without narrow-minded criticism, and let Israeli feelings and susceptibilities be understood and respected.

As to Mrs Herzberg's facile and naive example of German cars, if she thinks that automobiles created by great music (and Wagner's music is great, whether one happens to like it or not) are the same as those created by motor cars (however great) she is amazingly ignorant.

L. GORDEN.
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Tea and sympathy

Sir, — I read your Southend correspondent's report on Rabbi Shehson's address to his congregation (August 20 issue) on the subject of customary practice during shiva. He objects to the bringing of small gifts to the house of shiva and the serving of teas to the visitors. He says nothing of the practice of handing gifts to the minister who takes the service to console the mourners. None of these practices is new, so no person is faulted religiously-wise.

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A sweet custom

Sir, — Might I be permitted to comment on Rabbi Shehson's remarks from the pulpit on the taking of sweets, chocolates and

other gifts to a mourner's house during shiva as not being part of Jewish law?

Jewish customs always have some meaning behind them and bear some evidence of a source in Jewish tradition. I would venture to suggest that this custom is taken from the rabbinical injunction that a mourner for the first meal or even for the first day after the funeral is not allowed to eat of his own but must be provided with this by a neighbour. This is known as *seudat havraha*.

Although these days it is not put much into practice in this country we may assume that the custom of bringing sweets and gifts has taken its place.

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Quarterly flaps at Turtle

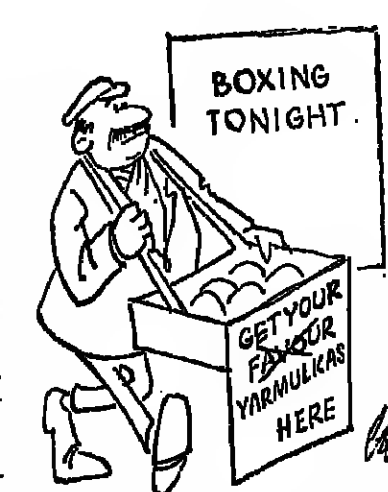
Sir, — The fact that Mr Paley (your August 20 issue) professes a "little involved modesty" to "clear thinking" does not call for an answer, at least not in terms of reasoned argument. But since he invoked the Jewish Quarterly as a proof for his preference I would like to remind him (and others) that this magazine has over the years, arranged many, always well-attended literary forums and symposia for the purpose of "examining and exploring" (to use his own words) our cultural heritage.

It was also instrumental in organising, for the same purpose, the first Anglo-Israeli Writers Dialogue held in Tel Aviv in 1968, which for the first time brought face to face our Jewish writers with their Israeli counterparts. Since then the dialogue has continued; while it cannot be said to have solved all our problems it has at least pointed to their existence as a first step to a solution.

If Mr Paley were a regular reader of the Jewish Quarterly he would perhaps realise that involvement and commitment does not only not exclude "clear thinking" but, on the contrary, directly result from it.

JACOB SONNATG,
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Cover charge



Sir, — What a courageous minister the Rev Saul Amia Ist Look at him, even with a microscope, in the picture in which he appears in your last week's issue. There he is, coram populo, bareheaded.

One hopes that, in these enlightened days of the sixth year of the reign of Chief Rabbi Immanuel, when few if any of his colleagues would dare to walk the prescribed dais (four cubits) uncovered, the big bad boys of the British Both Din don't see the picture. If they do, they'll surely unfrock the uncapped Saul!

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PERSONAL OPINION

IT IS not uncommon to hear Jewish mothers complain that their sons have turned *schwartz*, meaning so Orthodox that they demand special diets or will not eat at home.

Sir Louis Gluckstein has voiced a similar complaint about trends in the Liberal Synagogue. One bears more Hebrew in Liberal services, dietary laws are being more strictly observed, the barmitzvah ceremony, once abandoned, is making a comeback and a form of *get* may be introduced. This continuing recourse to tradition, he declared, should be watched with care.

But what is happening in the Liberal movement is what I thought would always happen, and that is why more enlightened Orthodox Jews have never been afraid of its challenge, for no matter how far it may have moved from tradition it has, at the very least, always been a holding ground. For as long as Jews retain some tie to their faith, the past may always claim them. And this is happening not merely to Jews within the Liberal movement, but to the movement itself.

This is one of the reasons why I find the anti-Liberal (and Reform) stance of the Home faction at the Board of Deputies so asinine. If these self-appointed defenders of Orthodoxy had true confidence in their faith such conflicts wouldn't arise.

When the Abbé Sieyès was asked what he did during the French Revolution and the terror which followed he said, "I survived," which given the circumstances of the day, was no mean achievement.

The same may be said of Moslems which is currently celebrating its tenth anniversary and which, for a Jewish student publication, is about as near to eternity as one can reasonably hope to get.

When the first issue appeared it was found to be so irreverent that some people must have hoped there wouldn't be a second, but it has continued to appear and reappear, Jewish Quarterly fashion, without any obvious means of support.

Although it has had seven editors in its ten years there has been a remarkable consistency in its approach and in the flow of talent it has been able to call forth.

What I have sometimes disliked about it are the graphic clockfaces, the liberties taken with the layout. The latest issue, for example, comes as 24 loose-leaf pages in a folder. If the pages had been smaller and here one could have shuffled them around as a card-game, but as they are they form neither magazine nor game and are virtually unreadable.

Levi Gertner has just completed 25 years as educational director of the Jewish Agency in London. He has turned grey in the process, but otherwise bears no outward sign of what he has gone through.

Levi is, of course, Mr Seminar and has, for many years, functioned as a sort of egg-head's Butlin, providing holidays for the entire family, with culture and *kashrut* thrown in (or, as some would say, thrown up).

He always takes pains to provide at least one star turn who makes the bother of getting there and the expense of staying there (and the hazards of

eating there) worthwhile. This year it was Professor Nathan Rotenstreich, a former Rector of the Hebrew University and as wise a man as one could hope to meet.

It would be nice if, instead of wandering from place to place, Croyfield one year, Windsor another, Reading a third, the seminar could have a permanent home — which could be leased out to other organisations for their seminars — with Levi as *maitre d'hôtel* and someone like Rotenstreich as *sage-in-renderance*.

For so the summer is past, the autumn is nigh and the school-outfitters are busy with mums and their offspring — and dads.

My eldest daughter, who is every bit of seven, has announced that she will not carry the traditional etch on her back but wants a brief-case: all the other children in her class have one. Needless to say, she goes to a Jewish school.

In Israel a child regards a brief-case as part of his birth-right, but then in Israel everybody who is, or thinks he should be, somebody (which includes everybody) carries a brief-case. I have sometimes felt that instead of adopting the emblem of the Jewish State, Israel should have adopted the brief-case.

I once saw a drawing by a young *scholar* of the *Exodus*. There, ahead, marched Moses and Aaron and behind them the children of Israel each, not with a pack on his shoulders but with a brief-case in hand. Now the case-craze has spread to Britain.

"For out of Zion,"

BEN AZAI

ASK THE RABBI

If two unmarried Jewish people have sexual intercourse, does this make them married in the eyes of the rabbis? If a child is born is it illegitimate?

Contrary to what seems to be generally assumed, if two unmarried Jewish people have sexual intercourse this does not make them married in the eyes of the rabbis. The common misunderstanding is probably based on a false view of what the Mishna (*Kiddushin* 1, 2) means when it rules that intercourse effects a marriage. The Mishna means, in fact, that this is only so if the act is performed by both parties with the clear intention of effecting by it a valid marriage. It is analogous to the other method of effecting a marriage (recorded in the same Mishna) the delivery of an object of value (nowadays, a ring) to the bride. Unless this is given expressly for the purpose of effecting a marriage it obviously has no validity. (Incidentally, the famous Babylonian teacher, Reb, is said to have administered a flogging to people who used the method of intercourse to effect a marriage. *Kiddushin* 12b, and the method has totally disappeared from Jewish life.)

Another Mishna (*Gittin* 6, 9) rules that if a man divorced his wife and she then lodged with him in an inn, a second divorce would be required because it can be assumed that rather than have illicit intercourse they would make it licit by cohabiting in order to effect a marriage. But here, too, there is the assumption of explicit intention.

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It is ridiculous to suggest that an act of fornication would self constitute a valid *get*. Indeed, many of the temporary authorities in that even a civil marriage invalid in Jewish law on grounds that while the couple live together as man and wife there has been no explicit intention to consummate the marriage as *Kiddushin* (marriage in Jewish law) is for your second question child born out of wedlock is not illegitimate in Jewish law. In reality, there is no concept as illegitimacy of child in Jewish law.

Mamzer (with all the baggage this can cause as we have recently witnessed may marry a non-mamzer otherwise he is the legitimate child of his natural parents (*Mishna*, *Yevamot* 2, 5, *Mamzer* is defined (*Mishna*, *Kiddushin* 3, 12) as the child of an adulterous or incestuous union so that a child out of wedlock, where it does not apply, is not a *mamzer*).

So the answer to both questions is, No.

Must the Sabbath candles be placed on the dinner table Friday night?

It is certainly customary to place the candles on the dinner table, but it is not necessary. As the candlestick (*muktzah*) may not be touched or moved on the Sabbath, it is placed on a table or a stand in the dining room to obviate the temptation of moving it to clear the table.

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Down with Haftarat?



Sir, — When I was a lad it was customary for the mother of *Haftara* to sing down, appropriately, only at *anachin modim* *lach*. The song came an "ilu" who, mistaking cadence for sense, went down also at *umodim* *otah*. Since then there has been a veritable landslide and we have been going down steadily *haracha* by *beracha*. The time is not far distant when only *best profound* will be eligible for matter. Truly things have come down to a pretty pass!

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Misguided media

Sir, — The reference by Mr Barnett Samuel (your August 20 issue) to the recent publication on the British press in the appeasement era prompts a glance at the attitude of the media to aspects of the Arab-Israeli confrontation since 1967.

At the time the Palestine terrorist organisations were attacking Nasser for his response to Rogers, Hassanin Helkal permitted himself a moment of candour and described their main achievement as securing a "mountain of Western press publicity."

Have terrorists, including hijackers, ever anywhere, been more glorified? Repeated rosy assessments by press and BBC "experts on Arab affairs" of the outcome of their possible clashing with Hussein can only have contributed to the provocative behaviour in Jordan which culminated in open warfare and the terrorist débâcle.

The Times' advocacy of appeasement, we are told, derived from Dawson's overriding concern to preserve the Empire, and that of his deputy, Barrington-Ward, to avoid a repetition of the slaughter in the First World War. If so, both gentlemen proved short-sighted.

The evidence continues to accumulate that no less misguided is the recent press emphasis on Israel's "rigidity" and the "need for matching concessions."

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woman's page

Mother of a heroine

SADIE LEVINE

"C'herchez le mère" could well be an interesting exercise for genealogists and historians. The mothers of great men and women, how great were they? How far did their influence serve the musicians, the painters, the explorers, the generals, the writers, the heroes... and the heroines?

I quote from one of them, "To My Mother": "From where have you learned to wipe the tears, 'To hide in your heart the cry, the hurt, 'The suffering and the complaint. 'From where have you learned strength."

This was the question. Where does any mother learn the strength to survive the loss of a child, how did this mother survive in such the unspeakably dreadful circumstances of her loss as described in the book?

In London for the publication events this week, she came into my office, elegant, erect, composed and incredibly smiling.

"My English is rotten," she said. It was not. Maybe mine is not so good. I used the word "survival" and this to all who have been through the Nazi horrors means to have lived to tell.

So she told me of the eight-day march of deportation that she joined exactly a week after Hannah's death in 1944, when she, at 48, with thousands of others, walked in bitter winter to the Austrian border, of the air-raid which scattered the guards and started the chain of

events which led her ultimately to Palestine and "survival."

"I did not want to live. When the mass deportation order from Budapest came I thought this is my solution. I would die with the others. Survival? I had nothing to do with it. Friends looked after me, took care of me, told me I had a son to live for. I had to go on living."

We talked of course about Hannah. Sometimes the present tense crept in. Was it her English, or was Hannah still alive in her mother's mind?

There certainly cannot be a day that she can forget her, even if she wanted to. Every day there are letters, every day children come to see her, there are processions, memorials, there are six "Hannah Senesh" streets in Israel. The poems are recited by schoolchildren. The book, published in Hebrew in 1945, is still Israel's classic best-seller.

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The little flat where Mrs Senesh lives in Haifa is a museum of memories, possessions of her husband, a famous Hungarian playwright who died when Hannah was six, Hannah's writings, school certificates and prizes, and, of course, pictures. "A lovely one of her in profile which is not in the book," said her mother regretfully.

Hannah's brother, George, lives in Israel, married, with two sons. Had there been a girl grandchild, would she have wanted it named after the heroic Hannah?

"Before the first baby was born we debated, thought it would be unwise, she might have been an entirely different kind of person. It was a boy, so that problem was solved. The second child was due on Hannah's birthday. We felt this was destined to be a 'Hannah.' But the baby was a few days late. And it was another boy. So that settled that problem, too."

This interview ended as it had begun, with a smile and even laughter. I can only quote again from one of her daughter's poems: "From where is this quiet in your heart?"

Dear Madam

Dear Madam—I was interested to read Sybil Kaufman's suggested list of things to take to Israeli friends when visiting there.

One important item which was not included is silver foil. My sister-in-law was delighted when I brought her a large roll, not because it is not available there, but the price for this quantity in Israel is equivalent to £1 sterling.

Sybil Greenstein

COOKERY

Summer yeast kuchen

EVELYN ROSE

I spent a whole day making kuchen recently. Not, I might add, in my own kitchen, but in those of the Flour Advisory Bureau, where home economists are constantly experimenting to find better ways of baking with yeast.

My brief: To find a tender, fine-textured kuchen dough that is easily made by hand. The recipe below is the result. It is richer in eggs than many recipes, and gives a really sponge-like texture. As yeast rises easily in the kitchen in summer-time, it is ideal to make and bake on the same day.

BASIC KITCHEN RECIPE:

1 oz. fresh yeast; 1 lb. oz. (14 table spoons) milk; 1 lb. plain flour; 1 level teaspoon salt; 2 oz. caster sugar; 3 eggs; 3 oz. soft butter.

Method:

Blend the fresh yeast with the milk (at room temperature). Put the flour, salt and sugar into a mixing bowl. Add the yeast liquid, the beaten eggs and the soft butter and mix to form a soft dough. Knead well on a floured board for 8 minutes (or 2 minutes with a dough hook). Place the dough in a lightly-greased polythene bag and allow to rise in the kitchen until double in size—about two hours. Use as required. With this basic mixture, you can make such delights as schnitzel or strudel, butter or cinnamon kuchen. The dough is sufficient to make the two recipes given below.

FRESH FRUIT KUCHEN:

The dough is covered with fruits in season and served for tea. Take half of the risen dough. Roll

it out to fit a Swiss roll tin. Brush all over the melted butter, then cover closely with sliced fresh fruit (apples, plums, cherries or peaches). Sprinkle lightly with sugar. Allow to rise until puffy... about 30 minutes. Bake in a quick oven (Gas No. 5, 375°F) for 25 minutes. Take out of the oven and sprinkle again with sugar. Serve in squares.

CINNAMON WEIR KUCHEN:

This makes a most delicious tan loaf. Take half of the risen dough and roll into a rectangle about 8 inch. thick. Spread with a mixture of 2 oz. butter and 2 oz. caster sugar, creamed together with 1 level teaspoon cinnamon. Turn in the ends, then roll up from the short end like a Swiss roll. Put, rounded side up, in a 2 lb. loaf tin. Put in a polythene bag and allow to rise until double in volume... about 30 minutes. Brush with milk, then bake in a quick moderate oven (Gas No. 5, 375°F) for 10 minutes, then reduce to 300°F (Gas No. 4, 300°F) for another 30 minutes. Cool, while warm, with icing made by stirring 2 tea-spoonsful of lemon juice into 2 oz. sifted icing sugar. Decorate, if liked, with glacé cherries and chopped walnuts.

SORRY

The Birdcage Umbrella (this page last week) is a British-made product by Fulton's and is available at Saffridges and other West End Stores but not at Littlewoods, as stated in error.

IF YOU Try a kibbutz guest house SEW

BY DAVID PELA

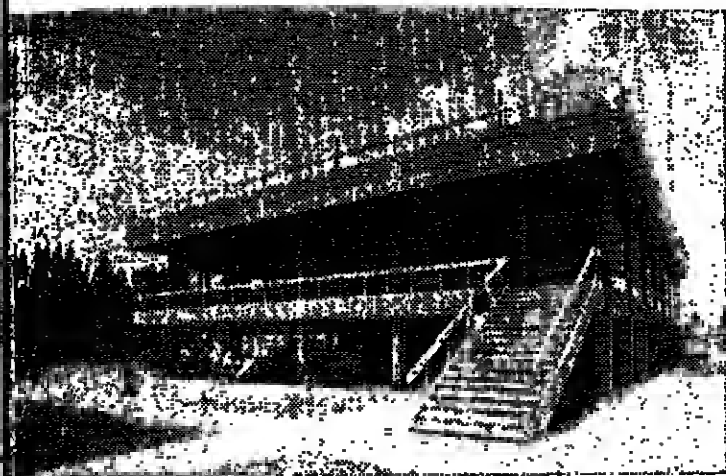


With Israeli hotels booked heavily what can the late booker do who is determined to visit Israel but can travel only during the peak holiday period?

One solution is to stay at a kibbutz home. The Israeli Government Tourist Office has branches in the main cities and will

people) and 20 bungalows suitable for couples.

Group rates for full board, before Israel's devaluation, were about £3.40 per day, half board about £2.25. The hotel hopes to arrange a package, including airfare, next year. The main hotel building has a lounge, coffee bar,



The attractive guest house at Nof Ginosar, in the Galilee

daily give guidance to tourists. Booking at a camping site (there are several good ones) or youth hostels could be the way out for those of the appropriate age group.

There are the kibbutz guest houses, usually comfortable, well sited (although away from the main towns) and enabling the visitor to obtain a real taste of Israeli life. The Galilee guest house I have stayed at—Ilko Ayelet Hashachar and Nof Ginosar, overlooking Lake Kinneret—have been of a high standard.

Those wanting to stay near Jerusalem might consider Holot Shoshan, situated in the Judean Hills on a co-operative moshav and only ten miles from the capital. Mr Geoffrey Hymen, formerly of Middlesbrough and now resident of Shoshan, has been telling London to promote the hotel. He told me that accommodation consists of 24 family cottages (each can take five

gift shop and synagogue. There is a bus service from the hotel to Jerusalem and facilities include swimming-pool, tennis courts and children's playground. Shoshan has a number of British settlers and is also used as a country club.

The Council of Christians and Jews is sponsoring a study tour of Israel next spring to coincide with Passover and Easter (tour dates are from March 28 to April 11). Participants—Jews and Christians—will spend a week in Jerusalem and take part in religious observances. The second week will be spent on kibbutzim in Galilee. There will also be extensive sightseeing programmes.

The leader of the tour will be the Archbishop of Oxford, the Ven. C. Wilton-Davies. Cost of the tour, organised by Trafalgar Travel (Mrs Eileen Jackson) is in charge of arrangements) was announced as £150 before devaluation. Flights are by El Al.

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Lunch at the Zoo

Two enterprising 14-year-old girls, Michelle Dorfman and Mindelle Orenstein, have opened a holiday play group for Jewish children aged four to seven.

The children arrive at 10 a.m., bringing their packed lunches for a picnic meal of midday. Throughout the morning they are kept busy with various activities such as painting, modelling, party games and miming.

The group sets out during the morning hours for Hendon, Brent or Golders Hill Park, the last being the most popular because of its small zoo.

After lunch the children settle for a rest period taken up with reading and singing Hebrew songs.

Outdoor activities then commence: the boys arrange a football team and the girls play "mahanayim" (another ball game). Both are firm favourites with the children.

It is a group of very tired but happy youngsters that is collected at 4 p.m. by grateful mums.



Children playing at the Alice Model Nursery holiday centre which was organised during the school holidays to help working mothers

New members Pen friends

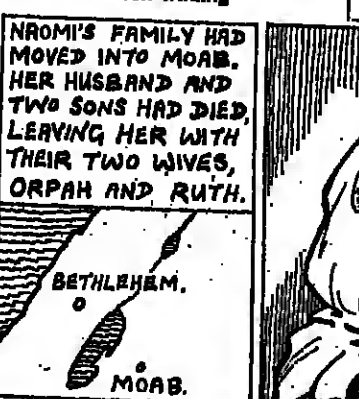
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Bumper time for fun

Although adults may lament the lack of suitable plays and films for them during August, this time of the year is a bumper one for children of all ages.

Local cinemas make a point of putting on films for younger audiences and in the West End more new children's plays and films abound than at any other time of the year. Out of the wide variety of children's entertainments we have made just a small selection.

On locally ere both The Railway Children, from E. Nesbit's book of the same name, and Tales of Beatrix Potter, which as you may know has been filmed as a ballet.

At the Cameo Poly cinema in Oxford Circus you can see a film version of Black Beauty in the afternoons, end at the Marmalade Theatre by the Thames there is

a Children's International Festival.

The Unicorn Theatre for children at the Arts Club, 11, however, was not to be a contribution to scholarship in the way as he had gazed at the Cross.

Though there are very few West End plays put on for children I suggest a visit to the Open-Air Theatre in the Park to see A Midsummer Night's Dream as a very treat.

This is probably a speare play that many have done—or will do—end even if you aren't with it you are bound to be warm jumper, as it is chilly sitting in the open at night!

Answers to last week's puzzle

- (1) Hazel, chestnut (Genesis 30, 37); (2) Fig (Proverbs 27, 18); (3) Melons (Numbers 11, 5); (4) Gourds (Kings II, 4, 39); (5) Raisins (Samuel I, 25, 18); (6) Olive (Nehemiah 8, 15); (7) Nuts, almonds (Genesis 43, 11); (8) Grapes (Deuteronomy 23, 24); (9) Apple (Joel 1, 12); (10) Pomegranate (Samuel I, 14, 2).

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JAMES PARKES

CHOSEN PEOPLE. A study of Jewish history from the Time of the Exile to the Revolt of Bar Kochba. John M. Allegro. Hodder and Stoughton. £3.00.

Merely as a study of Jewish history, this book is a masterpiece. Mr. Allegro's purpose is to show that the Jews were not a "people" in the way as he had gazed at the Cross.

signed by a group of scholars unquestionably competent to judge. If Mr. Allegro desired this second volume to be considered as a work of scholarship, he would inevitably have prefaced it with a justification of his Summarian readings and an explanation of how the other scholars had come to misunderstand him. Instead he has simply produced a parallel caricature of Judaism, which is in equally bad taste from a traditional standpoint, but acceptable, I suppose, to readers of Oz and similar publications.

Introspection

ROBERT WELTSCH

THE JEWS IN GERMANY: FROM THE ENLIGHTENMENT TO NATIONAL SOCIALISM. By H. G. Adler. University of Notre Dame Press.

AFTER HITLER. REPORT FROM A GERMAN CITY. By Jürgen Neuen-Du Mont. Translated by Ralph Manheim. Allen Lane/Penguin Press. £3.15.

Eleven years ago, H. G. Adler, a distinguished Jewish writer originally from Prague, delivered a series of broadcasts over a German radio station in which he outlined the history of the Jews in Germany from 1780 until their destruction by the Nazis. Adler's book is an extension of these lectures in which Adler examined the battle for emancipation in Germany and the reasons for its ultimate failure.

German history in the nineteenth century was a permanent struggle between liberalism and nationalism, and the nationalists became very irritated by the newcomers who, mistaking liberalism for a definite achievement, eagerly used all opportunities open to them in the economic and cultural fields. This was one of the sources of rising anti-Semitism, which Adler describes in all its phases until the demagogic end.

It is a thoughtful treatise, unpretentious and poignant, well-written and documented, and is addressed mainly to the German post-war generation.

"After Hitler" has only a faint connection with Jewish history. It could be regarded as a postscript, the state of mind of Jewish-Germans mirrored in the analysis of 42 Germans interviewed by a highly qualified television reporter in the town of Heidelberg.

Whether one believes in this sort of modern approach to testing public opinion is a question of taste. As could be predicted, it emerges that ordinary people in Germany today, as elsewhere, are mainly concerned with the problems of their own lives.

Naturally most of the over-forties have memories of the Hitler era which they try to explain to themselves and to the interviewer, often apologetically. There is a great variety of views, depending on the narrow sphere of interests and experiences of the person affected. Some think that not all was bad under Hitler, and cite the "strength through joy" cult as an example.

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